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modified the content of the recording medium and a manufacturer identification code of the recording/reproducing apparatus to determine whether a manufacturer specific information of the recording/reproducing apparatus is effective.

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14. (ONCE AMENDED) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
verifying the coincidence of an identification code of a product that last modified the content of the recording medium and a product identification code of the recording/reproducing apparatus to determine whether the manufacturer specific information of the recording/reproducing apparatus is effective.

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15. (ONCE AMENDED) A recording method of recording content on a rewritable recording medium, comprising:
modifying the content on the recording medium; and
recording a manufacturer identification information of a recording apparatus indicating a manufacturer of the recording apparatus which last modified the content of the recording medium.

16. (ONCE AMENDED) The recording method of claim 15, further comprising:
recording a product information code indicating a product model of the recording apparatus that last modified the content of the recording medium .

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17. (ONCE AMENDED) The recording method of claim 16, further comprising:
recording an operation code indicating information on an operation performed by the recording apparatus other than reproduction of the content of the recording medium.

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22. (ONCE AMENDED) The recording method of claim 20, further comprising:
recording the manufacturer code and the product code at a beginning part of the manufacturer information item.

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25. (ONCE AMENDED) The recording method of claim 24, further comprising:
determining whether the number of total manufacturer information items exceeds a predetermined limit, and if so, deleting an oldest manufacturer information item stored on the recording medium.

27. (ONCE AMENDED) The recording method of claim 17, further comprising:
recording a last address of manufacturer information which includes the manufacturer
identification information, the product information code, and the operation code.

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28. (ONCE AMENDED) A method of modifying content on a recording medium,
comprising:
recording on the recording medium a manufacturer identification code of a recording
and reproducing apparatus indicating a manufacturer of the recording and reproducing
apparatus that last modified the content of the recording medium; and
reading a manufacturer identification information, determining whether the content is
effective based upon whether the read manufacturer identification information matches that of
the recording and reproducing apparatus, and reading the content if the content is effective.

29. (ONCE AMENDED) The method of claim 28, further comprising:
reading the content of the recording medium to determine whether the content is
effective if the determination is that the read manufacturer identification information does not
match that of the recording and reproducing apparatus, and reproducing the content read if the
content read is determined to be effective.

30. (ONCE AMENDED) The method of claim 28, further comprising:
updating only manufacturer information item specific to the manufacturer of the
recording and reproducing apparatus, and not updating other manufacturer information items
[already] recorded on the recording medium.

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31. (ONCE AMENDED) A reproduction method of reproducing content from a
recording medium on which a manufacturer identification code, the reproduction method
comprising:
reading the manufacturer identification code of a manufacturer of an apparatus that last
modified the content of the recording medium; and
determining whether to read the content based upon the read manufacturer
identification code.